

Sermon Outline: Christ-Centered Worship

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The biblical / reformed principle:

God alone has the right to determine the shape and form of the worship of himself. The worship that God accepts must be Christ-centered.

1. The worship in the Tabernacle was Christ-centered- *Exodus 25*

Furnishings

Physical arrangements

Dwelling place

The Glory

The offerings and sacrifices

The priests

2. The worship in the Temple was Christ-centered- *1 Kings 8, 2 Chronicles 5*

Furnishings

Physical arrangements

Dwelling place

Choirs

Orchestra

The Glory again

The future

3. The worship in the New Testament must be Christ-centered/gospel-centered-

The temple (John 1:14 and 4:23, 24)

The dwelling place (John 1:14)

The glory (John 1:14 and 2 Corinthians 4:6)

The future (Revelation 5)

Church Worship elements: The gospel of Christ in every part

- ◇ Assembly in the name of the Triune God
- ◇ Prayers- praise, confession, supplication
- ◇ Instruction- the preaching of the gospel is the voice of Christ

Romans 10:14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him (of) whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

Ephesians 2:17 And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.

- ◇ Profession- in faithful words-said or sung
- ◇ Sacraments-tangents of truth and future glory
- ◇ Songs of praise to the glorious Triune God
- ◇ Benediction and the future consummation